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(JFK ASSASSINATION)

WASHINGTON (UPI) -- REP. THOMAS DOWNING, D-VA., SAID MONDAY NEWLY-DISCLOSED MATERIAL COMPILED BY THE AUTHOR OF A BOOK ON THE BAY OF PIGS INVASION JUSTIFIES A SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO REOPEN THE KENNEDY ASSASSINATION PROBE.

DOWNING GAVE A NEWS CONFERENCE A 78-PAGE PACKET COMPILED BY AUTHOR ROBERT MORROW ENTITLED, 'MOTIVATION BEHIND THE ASSASSINATION OF JOHN F. KENNEDY,' SUGGESTING RIGHT-WING CUBAN EXILES SOUGHT KENNEDY'S ASSASSINATION IN RETALIATION FOR HIS WITHDRAWAL OF AIR SUPPORT FOR THE BAY OF PIGS INVASION.

THE MATERIAL ALSO ALLEGED VICE PRESIDENT RICHARD NIXON WAS "THE CIA ACTION MAN IN THE WHITE HOUSE" IN EARLIER STAGES OF PLANNING FOR THE BAY OF PIGS AND THAT NIXON HAD PROMISED A RIGHT-WING CUBAN EXILE LEADER HE COULD ELIMINATE LEFT-WING ANTI-CASTRO EXILES AFTER THE INVASION.

MORROW, AUTHOR OF "BEHIND BETRAYAL," A FICTIONALIZED ACCOUNT OF THE ABORTIVE INVASION AND SELF-DESCRIBED FORMER CIA CONTRACT EMPLOYE, BROUGHT DOWNING THE MATERIAL LAST WEEK.

THE MATERIAL INCLUDED THREE AFFIDAVITS, COPIES OF MEMORANDA, EXCERPTS FROM NIXON'S WHITE HOUSE TAPES AND COPIES OF LETTERS WHICH SHOWED THAT NIXON, WHILE A LAWYER IN THE 1960S, SERVED KOHLY, APPARENTLY WITHOUT FEE.

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